

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM

We, the Democracy of Tennessee in convention assembled, unreservedly indorse the Democratic national administration and unqualifiedly approve of the wise and patriotic conduct of our national affairs under President Wilson, and unanimously indorse him for a second term.

We point with pride to his success in guarding American interests and American honor in the many crises that have faced him during this world wide war. While he has maintained and protected American rights and American honor, he has, at the same time, preserved an honorable peace with all the world, and has secured for the American people the greatest domestic prosperity they have ever known.

We congratulate him and the Democratic administration upon having brought peace to business. Especially do we commend his effective and forceful championship against all belligerents of the lawful rights of Americans and of neutrals upon the high seas. His success in maintaining the rights of neutrals on the high seas means the lasting glory of our country and is of greatest importance in establishing and maintaining our foreign commerce.

We heartily commend his maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine and his policy in co-operating with our sister republics in the western hemisphere and we commend his patriotic course in placing America first with reference to all questions, foreign and domestic.

We commend his forbearance in dealing with our afflicted sister republic of Mexico, and we pledge him our earnest support in sending troops and keeping troops here and in whatever course he may deem necessary to bring order out of chaos in that unhappy and distracted country, and to protect and defend American rights and honor and property there.

In our domestic affairs we congratulate the country on the splendid course of the Democratic administration in having secured more wise, constructive and beneficial legislation than any administration has ever done before in the same length of time. We especially point to the achievements of the administration in securing a revision downward of the tariff duties in compliance with our national platform; the passage of effective antitrust measures; the many laws for the amelioration and betterment of the conditions of labor, the laws shortening the hours of labor for women in the District of Columbia; the passage of parcel post legislation and the enactment of a rural credit system for the benefit of the farmers, and the establishment of federal aid to road building, which last two measures are just now being enacted into law, and the many other measures that have been enacted for the benefit of the great masses of the American people.

We point with specific pride to one of the greatest achievements of this or any other administration, which is the enactment of the federal reserve system of banking, by which the country has been given the greatest system of banking and bank credits that is known in the world, thereby making what have formerly been known as financial panics virtually impossible in this country.

We heartily commend the efforts of the administration to pass the ship purchase bill, and we urge our senators and representatives in Congress to leave no stone unturned to secure the enactment of that great measure, so that we may be enabled to take our proper place as carriers of the commerce of the world.

We heartily commend this Democratic administration for the passage of a real and genuine Democratic preparedness bill for the defense of our country against all foreign foes who might attempt to invade our shores. We oppose militarism. It means conquest abroad and intimidation and oppression at home. We are unreservedly for peace, but peace with honor and safety. We congratulate the country that under Democratic rule we have both peace and honor.

We commend and endorse the services and course of Senator Luke Lea and Senator John K. Shields and those of our entire Democratic delegation in the lower house of Congress.

The nomination of Hon. K. D. McKeller for United States Senator is ratified and approved, and we pledge to him our hearty, loyal, support, in the full belief that as a senator he will reflect great honor upon the State of Tennessee.

We note with pride that the Republican party in its last state platform has no criticism whatever to pass upon the present Democratic state administration. It is a matter of congratulation that the Democratic party has so faithfully and successfully administered the affairs of state in every department that not one word of censure is uttered by our political adversary. We approve the conduct and management of the various branches and departments of the state government by the several state officers in charge.

Gov. Rye has been true to every platform pledge, he has sacredly kept his oath of office and by his sincerity and courage has attracted the admiration and commendation of all good citizens of Tennessee. We confidently commend him and his record to the people as worthy of their endorsement at the polls. The Democratic party and the State of Tennessee are to be congratulated that his nomination is unanimous and that he goes before the people with the full and hearty indorsement of a reunited Democracy.

The Democratic party stands committed to temperance, good government and law enforcement. The people have definitely and finally determined that the manufacture and sale of intoxicants as a beverage in Tennessee shall cease; we accept this as an accomplished fact and declare our firm opposition to any movement or effort to repeal or impair existing

laws for the suppression of the liquor traffic and the enforcement of the law. The present Democratic administration stands for the supremacy and majesty of the law, for economy, efficiency and fidelity in office and has exemplified in every department, the truth that public office is a public trust. We believe in local self government, but deny that it can be used as a pretext to challenge the sovereignty of the state.

The state, through its chief executive officer has the inherent power to enforce its police regulation and compel the impartial observance of state statutes throughout its boundaries. On this principle rests the enforcement of the temperance laws and all other laws, where local officials or local sentiment shall oppose their observance.

We indorse the present administration for its recognition of this principle by the passage of the ranger law and the ouster law, and we promise that these laws shall be fearlessly, impartially and honestly applied by Democratic executive authority.

Upon the efficiency of our public schools depends the character of the citizenship of the state in coming generations. We pledge our unstinted support to all the institutions of the state, from the elementary schools to the state university. We especially emphasize the necessity for the improvement of the rural schools. These schools should receive stronger support, have better teachers who are encouraged to make teaching a profession, be adapted to the communities they must serve, and in every possible way be brought nearer to the people. We favor such changes and modifications of the present method of examining and licensing teachers as will give the local school authorities such supervision as may not be inconsistent with efficient service in the school room.

The Democratic party has always favored honest and fair elections. To this end, bona fide representation should be given to both political parties on every election board, and at every ballot box; every legal voter should be permitted to cast his ballot according to his own will and have it counted and returned as cast and the violation of the election laws be made a felony.

We declare for the enactment of a legalized primary law with all the safeguards of a regular election, with severe penalties against corrupt practices of every kind.

We declare for the proper regulation of the fee system.

The people of Tennessee have long since recognized the demand for economical and better highway traffic conditions, involving the commercial, industrial, social, moral, educational and agricultural welfare of our state and nation. We therefore indorse the action of the national Democratic administration in supporting federal aid legislation for the construction and maintenance of public roads.

We endorse the present state Democratic administration in establishing a state highway department and pledge our support for such additional legislation and appropriations as may be necessary for the efficiency of this department to enable them to construct and maintain public roads and to better safeguard all road funds and the economical expenditure and accounting for the same. We also pledge ourselves to the enactment of such laws as may be necessary to secure any federal road funds that may be available for Tennessee.

In the assessment of property, we favor a policy having for its object the fair, equitable and just treatment of all tax payers alike.

We oppose discrimination among the different classes of tax payers and demand that all property, real, personal and mixed, be compelled to bear its proportionate part of the tax burden, subject only to those exemptions made by the constitution of the state. We favor such modification or revision of our tax laws, with reference to the assessment and collection of all revenues as may be necessary to secure adequate revenue and in order to equalize tax burdens, minimize expenses and insure the prompt collection of all taxes with least vexation to the citizen.

The Democratic party is irrevocably committed to the policy of adequately providing for Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and we hereby give our solemn pledge to a continuation of this policy by rendering them every assistance possible.

We indorse the present state Democratic administration for enacting a law under which a very large number of state prisoners confined in the coal mines of the state have been placed to work under contract, with the road authorities of the various counties, thereby relieving the coal operators of the state and the miners of hurtful and destructive competition during the season from April 1 to Dec. 1, when this competition is most seriously felt. We favor the enactment of a law abolishing the convict lease system, the removal of state prisoners from the coal mines and factories and placing them on the public roads as soon as advisable for the sake of humanity and the development of the resources of the state of Tennessee.

We favor a workman's compensation law, fair alike to employer and employee. We also favor a fellow-servants' law and the proper regulation of the rates and charges of all public service corporations.

We demand the passage of an act forbidding the issuance of free passes by transportation companies to all state, county and municipal officers, and to all other persons for the purpose of influencing or controlling political action of any kind.

We demand the passage of an act so framed as to put an end to the pernicious practice of legislative lobbying.

Believing that the promotion of public health through the prevention of communicable diseases is of the

GLORIOUS FOURTH IN COOKEVILLE

Plan Now to Spend the Day Here---Gala Time

BIG PARADE, BABY SHOW, BASEBALL GAME, ETC.

Plans are being arranged to make the coming Fourth of July a real gala occasion in Cookeville. The ladies of the Parent-Teachers' Association, seeing the need of giving our people a safe, sane and instructive method of observing our great national holiday are making plans to make the occasion a red letter day in Cookeville.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held at "The Wayside" Thursday night, when the plans were generally discussed and met with hearty approval. Prof. M. T. Carlisle was unanimously chosen chairman or director of the whole program, and he will appoint committees to have charge of the various sections and departments. Now let everybody get behind the chairman and his committees and push to make a big success, and whoever is called upon to take a part, let them all respond heartily and cheerfully.

PATRIOTIC PARADE

The feature of the day will be a gigantic patriotic parade, and will include many interesting, attractive, spectacular and amusing features, about as outlined below:

"Uncle Sam".
Fife and Drum Corps, or Band.
Military Company of City School.
Boy Scouts.
Boys' Corn Club.
Girls' Canning Club.
The educational facilities of Cookeville will be displayed by three floats representing the City School, High School and T. P. I.
The Parent-Teachers' Association.
Story Tellers' League.
Floats or displays representative of the trades and mercantile establishments.

Decorated Automobiles.
Pony Section.
Girls and Boys, horseback.
Farmers' Float.
Old Soldiers.
Fraternal Section.
Mayor and Aldermen.
Present Day Notables---burlesque.
Prizes will be given for the following features:
Best Country Turnout.
Best Team of Mules.
Best Team of Horses.
Best Town Display---Cookeville excluded.

The parade will be held at 1 o'clock. Immediately after the parade a short convention of "Ye Old Time Fiddlers" will be held, a slight admission charge being made.

BABY SHOW

During the morning hours a baby show will be held at Wayside Rest Room. There will be seven prizes given, six for the babies and one to the person securing the largest number of entries.

BASEBALL

Arrangements are being made for a baseball game to be held during the morning hours with some of our neighboring towns.

STAY IN COOKEVILLE ON THE FOURTH

Plan now to spend your Fourth pleasantly, profitably and patriotically in your home town.

Mass Meeting Monday Night

The citizens of Cookeville are urged to attend a mass meeting at the City School auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock, to organize for boosting the T. P. I. and also to push the Fourth of July celebration.

First importance, and in view of the outstanding fact that tuberculosis, typhoid fever, pellagra and other fatal preventable diseases are responsible for great loss of life in Tennessee each year; and, further, because other progressive states adopted and are successfully applying modern methods for the control of preventable disease, as is shown by marked reduction of death rates in such states, we favor the enactment of such laws as will enable the public health department of Tennessee to put into effect, and enforce the application of such measures as modern sanitary science has shown to be healthful in the suppression of preventable diseases.

We favor the modernizing of our state health department and the making of liberal appropriations for the purpose of prosecuting its legitimate healthful activities.

The Democratic party pledges to aid and co-operate in securing for the farmers of Tennessee the best markets obtainable for the product of the farm, and invites general co-operation in bringing about all practical reforms in this respect, which will advance the interest of the farmers.

The party pledges its aid and co-operation in a greater development of agriculture and live stock, dairying and poultry in particular; in the production as well as the sale of the same.

It will be the constant and earnest endeavor to bring to Tennessee home-seekers, manufacturers and all engaged in industrial and commercial enterprise of a character, which will contribute to the permanent welfare and betterment of the state.

Believing that the advocates of equal suffrage are entitled to submit to the vote of the people of the state the question of equal suffrage to both sexes, we favor the submission of this question to the people for their determination at the ballot box.

We commend the state banking department and the pure food and drug department in their labors to properly administer the duties of those departments, and in the work they have accomplished, and we favor any legislation that may be necessary to increase their efficiency and their power to give honest and impartial service.

J. T. MILLER, DEAD

James T. Miller died in Nashville Tuesday morning after a brief illness, and was taken to Hartsville for burial. Jim Miller was well known throughout this section, having made two runs for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fourth district. A few years ago he removed to Nashville and acquired an extensive law practice. He is survived by one sister.

MONTEREY ITEMS

The lightning struck the corner of Morgan Hicks' house in South Monterey Monday night, setting it on fire and tearing the weather boarding from the outside.

The barn belonging to Geo. Johnson on Route 1, Monterey, was blown down last Friday night and crippled one mule and a cow. We learn that the barn, stock and feed were insured but not enough to cover loss.

Mrs. Estes Levey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Buckner died Sunday night at her home on the Officer farm, about four miles west of here. She was 26 years of age, and leaves three children, all boys, and a husband to mourn her.

A marriage of much interest is that of Miss Myrtle Johnson of Calhiller, to Frank Potter, of Crossville, which took place Wednesday morning at the bride's home. She is the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Johnson and has many friends who will share her happiness. She has taught school for several years in the city school at Crossville.

—NEWS.

STORY TELLERS LEAGUE

Tuesday afternoon in the City School auditorium, a very interesting meeting of the Story Teller's League was held with the President, Mrs. Comer McDearman presiding.

A number of items of business were disposed of and reports heard from the different committees.

The subject of extension work of the League was taken up and a round table discussion held. Supt. Hatfield a valued member of the League, stated that he would give a period each day during the County Teacher's Institute to be held here in July, to this work of Story Hour in schools may be brought before the rural teachers. A committee composed of Prof. Carlisle, Mrs. Quimby Dyer and Dr. Walter McClain was appointed to arrange this program.

Mrs. McDearman stated that election of officers would be held at the August meeting of the League.

The League adjourned to meet again the second Tuesday in July.

ORGANIZATION OF PRESBYTERY OF CUMBERLAND MOUNTAIN, AND COUNTRY LIFE CAMP.

June 9-13

The close, on last Tuesday of the Conference under the above head marked the inauguration of a new era for the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. in the Cumberland Mountain region. The new Presbytery takes the place of the old Presbytery of Cookeville, with several counties added to the bounds. As now constituted the Presbytery includes the counties of White, DeKalb, Putnam, Jackson, Overton, Clay, Fentress, Pickett, Scott, Morgan, and Cumberland. There are at present 14 ministers and 25 churches, with one Industrial School, and settlement work at two or three places. Three unordained Theological students are at work in as many counties. These young men will make a survey of the several counties to ascertain and tabulate the religious, social, educational, economical and moral conditions of the people.

The work of the Presbytery has been placed under the Country Church work of the Board of Home Missions at New York and will be administered by Warren H. Wilson, Ph. D. of New York. Rev. J. H. Miller, D. D. of Lebanon, Tenn. will be superintendent on the field.

The distinctive characteristic of this movement is the declaration that "The Church exists to administer to the need of the people, whether that need be spiritual, intellectual, moral, social or economical."

To further this aim Dr. Wilson brought together for five days the workers of this new Presbytery and held a conference or "Camp" addressed by Rev. A. L. Wilson and Rev. Jesse Halsey of Cincinnati, Mr. J. Sterling Moran, Washington, D. C., Mr. William A. Schoenfeld, Mr. H. D. Tate, Miss Geneva Conway, of the Cooperative extension work of Tennessee in Agriculture and Home Economics, Miss Field of Peabody College, Mrs. John S. LeFevre, social worker, Revere, N. C., Miss McKenzie and Mr. Harrison, County Agents for Putnam County, President Thomas A. Early, Prof. Carlyle and many others.

It is safe to say that never before in this region has a church meeting had the advantage of such a diversity of talent upon its program.

The meetings were well attended by the public and proved to be of more than ordinary interest.

SALVATION ARMY

Several members of the Salvation Army were in Cookeville a few days during last week, holding services in the square daytimes and near the depot at night. Good sized crowds greeted them. The party was made up of Capt. (Mrs.) J. McAllister and her daughters, Envoy V. McAllister and Cadet A. McAllister, J. F. Sullivan and D. Lowmyer. Their services were very interesting, and we hope they may visit our city again. The Salvation Army does much good, especially in cities where regular barracks are maintained. Headquarters for this section are at Nashville. Anyone desiring information in regard to the work of the Army should write to Maj. A. E. Wiggery, Box 394, Nashville, Tenn.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Sunday, June 11th, a Children's Day was held at Salem, which was enjoyed by a large number of people.

With the trees for a canopy, mother earth for a carpet and Nature for decoration the beauty was unsurpassed. The exercises were impressive as well as beautiful, because of the truthfulness of the pieces and the sweet simplicity with which they were delivered by the school children.

Mr. D. C. Whittaker assisted by Mrs. Dave and Coey Huddleston supervised the training of the children. The Salem quartet helped to furnish music for the program.

An abundant dinner of unusual deliciousness was a very important feature of the day.

Salem is progressive in more than one respect. Aside from being one of the foremost rural school centers and a thrifty, as well as scientific agricultural region, it has excellent domestic scientists, as was proven by the substantial dinner.

If anyone left hungry it certainly wasn't the fault of the Salamites, for they most assuredly gave every one a hearty welcome. They are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gibbs with their new motor truck took about fifteen or twenty boys and girls out to enjoy the occasion, which they truly did.

It is hoped that another day similar to last Sunday will come again. If it does we will too.

Do your trading in Cookeville where you can get what you want



Mt. View Lodge No. 179, I O O F held a splendid meeting on June 10th 1916, J. H. McCulley, N G, presiding. Quite a lot of routine business was disposed of.

Bro. C. Bradford was reported to be about as last week. Bro. J. H. York is some better this week, plans a trip to Red Boiling Springs very soon. Bro. Geo. W. Stephens was reported sick this week. Bro. A. N. Bowden, several days ago while at work, was struck in the eye by a broken belt. It has caused a great deal of pain, tho it is thought he will not lose his sight.

A very interesting memorial service was held in regard to the thirty deceased members of this Lodge, each Brother's name was called and fitting remarks were made, showing clearly that, though deceased, their virtues are still green and cherished. It was an interesting, solemn occasion and one long to be remembered. Only two more meetings in this term. There should be a good attendance on the 16th inst.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

C. A. Keffer, Director of Division of Extension, H. D. Tate, Assistant Director, J. M. Dean, District Agent for Middle Tennessee, and H. S. Vandervort, Assistant State Agent, of West Virginia, spent Tuesday with County Agent Harrison in looking over the progress of demonstration work in Putnam county. These men attended a field meeting on the farms of B. C. and S. C. Huddleston on Tuesday afternoon. About twenty five members of the Salem Community were present at the meeting, which was one of the best ever held in the county. The people of this community are doing things unitedly, and find that co-operation of the farmers of a community in common endeavors and working with a common aim is a paying proposition. All the visiting gentlemen spoke in the highest terms in praise of the work being done in this county.

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING

By the direction of the Republican Executive Committee of Putnam county in regular session at the Court house in the town of Cookeville, Tenn. a mass meeting of the Republicans of said county is hereby called to meet at the Courthouse in the town of Cookeville, Tenn., at 1 o'clock Saturday, June 24th, 1916 for the purpose of nominating candidates for county offices to be elected at the regular August election, and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting.

NORMAN MASS, Chairman.
E. W. STONE, Secretary.

THE ARCADE GROCERY

The Arcade Grocery is the latest commercial concern in Cookeville. Messrs. W. T. Moore, Sam Edwards, J. F. Gentry and E. B. Hickey constitute the firm. They propose to carry a complete line of staple and fancy groceries and are located in the Arcade building. The Herald wishes the new firm a long and prosperous career.

IMPORTANT MEETING

A meeting of the citizens of Cookeville will be held in the city school building next Monday night for the purpose of devising plans to secure as large an attendance as possible for T. P. I. at the opening term in September. This meeting is of utmost importance to the school and town, hence every citizen should attend.

The future of the school largely depends upon the initial attendance. Come out and help devise the best plans for getting students interested. In this fall not, or suffer the penalty in such case made and provided. The meeting begins at 7:30, sharp.

JOHN ELROD, DEAD

John Elrod died at his home in Cookeville, Friday morning, June 11, 1916, after a lingering illness. He was a member of the Christian church for many years. Mr. Elrod served throughout the Civil war in the Confederate army and was nearly 79 yrs. of age. The funeral was conducted at the residence, interment made in the city cemetery. Mr. Elrod is survived by his wife and five children. Jesse C. Elrod, and Mrs. J. R. Coe of this city, Mrs. Ella Watson of Hartsville, J. E. Elrod of Kansas and A. W. Elrod of Texas.

DATES WANTED

On the third Sunday in July, at Smith's Chapel, beginning at 10:30, a meeting will be held to get dates of all deceased persons therein buried. The public in general is cordially invited, and especially the friends and relatives of all persons buried in said cemetery.

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